

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to entry of this Amendment. The Examiner inadvertently did not consider claims 8-12. In any event, rejected claims 1 and 4-7, as well as claims 8-12, are hereby canceled without prejudice and/or disclaimer, leaving allowed claims 2 and 3.

Regarding the Information Disclosure Statement of February 28, 2007, a new IDS is submitted herewith with legible copies of the same cited references, as well as English language abstracts. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the cited references.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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